

19. A lifting apparatus in accordance with claim 7, wherein the lever (13) is provided in the region of the pivot axle (12) with a third arm (19) to which the spring element (20) is hinged.

20. A lifting apparatus in accordance with claim 8, wherein the lever (13) is provided in the region of the pivot axle (12) with a third arm (19) to which the spring element (20) is hinged.

REMARKS:

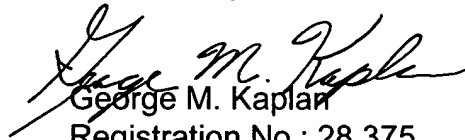
The claims in the application are 1-20.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate all multiple dependencies with claims 10-20 added (a marked-up copy is enclosed). The specification has been amended for formal reasons.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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